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down elementary schools pending further consideration by Government, and if so, what exactly the orders are?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" Orders have been issued to the President of the Anantapur District Board not to close the schools, pending final orders of the Government on the representations."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I ask whether a similar order was issued to the President, District Board, Bellary? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" No Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Was there not also a complaint that they were forced to close down their schools? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" No, Sir."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know why a differentiation has been made between Anantapur and Bellary? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" No differentiation has been made."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Was not a representation made jointly by the two district boards? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" Originally a representation was made jointly, but the representation regarding the closing of the schools was received only from Anantapur."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of informing the other district boards as well that there is no need to close the schools pending further examination? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" In the meantime the Government will be passing final orders on their representations."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 15 (3) OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" Mr. President, Sir, with your permission, I move—

'*that the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Bill,* 1946 (*L.A. Bill No.* 7 *of* 1946), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration under rule* 15 (3) *of the Madras Legislative Council Rules as the first item after questions on Friday, the* 13*th September* 1946, *that is just now.*'

" Sir, my reason for making this motion is this. In connection with the work of the Pay Committee, we three of us of the Cabinet have decided to go to Ootacamund. I therefore request that this item may be taken up and finished before others are taken."

The motion was put and carried.